

This listing of the claims replaces all prior versions in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose blister package having a plurality of blisters thereon and adapted for use in an inhaler, comprising:

a frame member having opposing top and bottom surfaces with a plurality of spaced apart gap spaces, a respective gap space configured to define at least a portion of a sidewall of a respective blister, wherein the frame gap spaces are circumferentially spaced apart through-apertures arranged in two substantially concentric rows, and wherein the frame member is substantially rigid and light-weight;

a floor defined by a layer or layers of planar ~~comprising a flexible~~ sealant material directly attached to the bottom surface of the frame member so that the floor extends under each gap space to define a bottom of each blister; and

a ceiling comprising a flexible sealant material directly attached to the top surface of the frame member so that the ceiling extends above each gap space to define a top of each blister,

wherein the frame member has a thickness that is at least 10 times greater than a thickness of the floor and the ceiling, wherein each blister holds dry powder medicament and, when sealed, is devoid of any movable internal component therein other than the dry powder such that the dry powder directly contacts the frame sidewalls of a respective blister, and wherein the blister package has an annular shape with an open center.

2-3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the dry powder in each blister is a bolus quantity of dry powder, ~~wherein the frame member is substantially rigid, and wherein the flexible floor layer is planar.~~

5-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously Presented) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the frame member is a unitary polymer structure having increased structural rigidity relative to the floor and ceiling, and wherein the floor and ceiling layers have substantially the same thickness.

19. (Canceled)

20. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the ceiling is ~~further comprising a generally planar sealant layer sealably attached to the frame member.~~

21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the ceiling is moisture resistant and comprises foil and a polymer.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein opposing sidewalls of a respective gap space are inclined so that the sidewalls taper farther away from each other from a bottom to top portion thereof.

Claims 25-31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) A method for fabricating a multi-dose blister package having a plurality of blisters thereon and adapted for use in an inhaler, comprising:

providing a generally rigid annular frame member having opposing top and bottom surfaces with a plurality of spaced apart gap spaces, a respective gap space configured to define at least a portion of a sidewall of a respective blister, wherein the frame gap spaces are

circumferentially spaced apart through-apertures arranged in two substantially concentric rows;

placing a metered quantity of dry powder in each of the blisters;

sealing a layer or layers of a flexible annular planar sealant material to ~~floor~~ to the bottom surface of the frame member so that the planar sealant material defines a floor that extends under each gap space to define a bottom of each blister; and

sealing a flexible annular planar ceiling to the top surface of the frame member to define a top of each blister,

wherein each blister holds a dose of dry powder medicament and, when sealed, is devoid of any movable internal component therein other than the dry powder such that the dry powder directly contacts the sidewalls of a respective blister, wherein the blister package has an annular shape with an open center, and wherein the frame member has a thickness that is at least 10 times greater than a thickness of the floor and a thickness of the ceiling.

Claims 33-61 (Canceled).

62. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose dry powder package comprising:

a polymeric annular frame body having upper and lower primary surfaces comprising a plurality of circumferentially spaced apart drug apertures having sidewalls extending between the upper and lower primary surfaces, wherein the apertures are through-apertures arranged in two substantially concentric rows, and wherein the apertures have sidewalls that define sidewalls of a respective dose container;

an annular flexible planar layer or layers of sealant material defining a floor sealably, directly attached to the frame body lower primary surface and extending under the apertures;

an annular flexible planar layer or layers of sealant defining a ceiling sealably, directly attached to the frame body upper primary surface and extending over the apertures; and

a metered quantity of dry powder medicament held in each of the drug apertures,

wherein, when sealed, the drug apertures are devoid of any movable internal component therein other than the dry powder such that the dry powder directly contacts the

sidewalls, and wherein the frame body has a thickness that is at least 10 times greater than a thickness of the floor and a thickness of the ceiling.

63-65. (Canceled)

66. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the frame member comprises a molded polymer body with sidewalls that are about 2 mm deep, ~~and wherein the floor is planar.~~

67. (Previously Presented) A multi-dose blister package according to Claim 1, wherein the frame member apertures are substantially circular when viewed from the top and bottom.

68. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the frame member apertures are configured with inclined surfaces at angles between about 15-60 degrees so that a bottom portion of a respective aperture has a lesser cross-sectional area than a top portion thereof, ~~and wherein the floor is planar.~~

69. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 32, further comprising attaching an inhaler-mounting member to the frame member so that the mounting member resides upward through a center space of the annular ceiling, floor and frame.

70. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 62, wherein the frame body has sidewalls with inclined surfaces having angles of inclination of between about 20-40 degrees, ~~and wherein the floor is planar.~~

71. (Previously Presented) A method according to Claim 32, wherein the sidewalls of the frame member gap spaces are about 2 mm long.

72. (Currently Amended) A multi-dose package having a plurality of dry powder doses therein and adapted for use in an inhaler, comprising:

a center annular substantially rigid polymeric frame member having opposing top and bottom planar surfaces with a plurality of spaced apart apertures extending therethrough, the frame member having downwardly extending tapered sidewalls associated with each aperture, wherein the frame member apertures are circumferentially spaced apart in two substantially concentric rows;

a planar annular layer or layers of flexible sealant material defining a floor directly sealably attached to the bottom surface of the frame member so that the floor extends under each aperture; and

an annular flexible layer or layers of flexible sealant material defining a ceiling directly sealably attached to the top surface of the frame member so that the ceiling extends above each aperture,

wherein the frame member has a thickness that is at least 15 times greater than a thickness of the floor and a thickness of the ceiling, wherein each dose container holds dry powder medicament and, when sealed, is devoid of any movable internal component therein other than the dry powder such that the dry powder directly contacts the frame sidewalls of a respective aperture, and wherein the multi-dose package has an annular shape with an open center.